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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 11, 2001

PETITION OF

SYLVATUS EXCHANGE CUSTOMERS

CASE NO. PUC010150

For Extended Local Service from
United Telephone-Southeast, Inc.'s
Sylvatus exchange to its Wytheville
exchange

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

In February 2001, telephone customers in United Telephone-Southeast, Inc.'s ("United") Sylvatus exchange petitioned the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for local calling to Wytheville. On June 29, 2001, the Commission accepted a cost study from United that was used to estimate the approximate change in the monthly rate for service that will result from the extension of local calling.

On August 20, 2001, the Commission issued an Order directing United to poll its Sylvatus exchange customers to determine whether a majority of those customers are willing to pay an increase in rates for local calling to Wytheville. United submitted the results of its poll on October 24, 2001. The majority of those responding to the poll supported the proposal.

Cost studies have now been conducted to determine the monthly rates for extended local calling from the Wytheville exchange to the Sylvatus exchange. Because the resulting rate increase for one-party residential customers does not exceed five percent of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate for the Wytheville exchange, a poll of these customers is not required pursuant to § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the petition, the poll conducted by United and the cost study submitted by United, and § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia, the Commission is of the opinion that United should give notice of the proposed extension of local service to its customers in the Wytheville exchange; and that those customers should be permitted to file comments and requests for hearing.

Accordingly, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) On or before January 11, 2002, United shall publish the following notice in the Wytheville exchange twice as display advertising (not classified advertising) in newspapers of general circulation in that exchange:

NOTICE THAT UNITED TELEPHONE-
SOUTHEAST, INC. PROPOSES TO EXTEND
LOCAL SERVICE FROM ITS SYLVATUS
EXCHANGE TO ITS WYTHEVILLE EXCHANGE
CASE NO. PUC010150

Telephone customers in United
Telephone-Southeast, Inc.'s ("United")
Sylvatus exchange have petitioned the

Virginia State Corporation Commission
("Commission") for local calling to
Wytheville. Subscribers in the Sylvatus
exchange were polled regarding their
willingness to pay an increase in monthly
rates for local calling to the Wytheville
exchange. The majority of those customers
responding in the Sylvatus exchange
supported this expansion of local service.

Based on United's costs, the Commission
determined the increase in monthly rates for
local service for customers in the
Wytheville exchange to call the Sylvatus
exchange (telephone numbers beginning with
766). The monthly rates would increase as
follows: flat rate residential service,
\$0.50; business flat rate service, \$1.43;
flat rate PBX trunks, \$2.14; payphone access
line service, \$2.14.

Customers whose rates are not listed
above or who desire more information on this
proposed change should contact United's
customer service center. Both residential
and business customers should call 1-800-
672-6242. Copies of United's poll results
may be obtained by contacting the customer
service center at the telephone number
listed above. Copies of the poll results
and the Commission's orders in this case may
also be reviewed at the Commission's
Document Control Center located on the first
floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main
Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Customers wishing to comment on the
proposed change to their local calling area
or to request a hearing on the application
may do so by filing such requests or
comments in writing with the Clerk of the
Commission, Joel H. Peck, c/o Document
Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond,
Virginia 23218, on or before January 25,
2002. Any such filing should refer to Case
No. PUC010150.

The Commission shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension of the local calling area if at least the lesser of five percent or 150 customers within the Wytheville exchange request a hearing; otherwise, the Commission may consider the request without convening a hearing.

UNITED TELEPHONE-SOUTHEAST, INC.

(2) On or before January 18, 2002, United shall provide proof of the notice required above.

(3) On or before January 25, 2002, United customers who may be affected by this proposal may file with the Clerk of the Commission written comments or requests for hearing on the proposed increase that will result from the expansion of local calling. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel in accordance with 5 VAC 5-20-30 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comment or request for hearing on or before that deadline. Individuals may file single copies. All comments or requests for hearing shall be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and shall refer to Case No. PUC010150.

(4) A copy of this Order and the results of United's poll shall be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia

23219, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Upon customer request, the results of United's poll shall be furnished by United's customer service center.

(5) The Commission shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension of the local calling area if at least the lesser of five percent or 150 of the customers within the Wytheville exchange request a hearing; otherwise, the Commission may consider the petition without convening a hearing.

(6) On or before February 8, 2001, the Division of Communications shall file a report with the Commission on any comments received.